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HOUSE BILL 565

Short Title: Threaten LEO or Correctional Officer. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Faircloth, McNeill, Hurley, and G. Graham (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A FELONY TO THREATEN TO INFLICT SERIOUS BODILY HARM UPON OR TO KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, OR ANOTHER PERSON AS RETALIATION AGAINST THE OFFICER FOR PERFORMING THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-277.6. Threats against law enforcement officers or correctional officers.

(a) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes any threat to inflict serious bodily injury upon or to kill any law enforcement officer or correctional officer or who knowingly and willfully makes any threat to inflict serious bodily injury upon or kill any other person as retaliation against any law enforcement officer or correctional officer because of the exercise of that officer's duties is guilty of a Class I felony.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully deposits for conveyance in the mail any letter, writing, or other document containing a threat to commit an offense described in subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a Class I felony.

(c) In prosecutions under this section, it is not necessary to prove that any law enforcement officer or correctional officer actually received the threatening communication or actually believed the threat."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

